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APPLICANT: Martin Obel CONFIRMATION NO. 3533
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WITH CAPTURE MONITORING BY IECG ANALYSIS"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,148,234
AB United States Patent No. 6,128,535
AC United States Patent No. 6,108,577
AD United States Patent No. 5,740,811
AE United States Patent No. 5,497,780
AF United States Patent No. 4,387,717
AL PCT Application No. WO 02/36000
AM PCT Application No. WO 01/74441
AN PCT Application No. WO 99/29368
AT United States Patent Application Publication No.
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AU United States Patent Application Publication No.
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AV "ECG Characteristic of Simultaneous Biventricular Stimulation in Canines," McVenes et al., (PACE), Vol. 20, April, 1998, Part II (Abstract 416). p. 893

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AD, AM, AN, AT, AU and AV were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

References AA, AB, AC, AE, AF, AL and AM were cited by the Swedish Patent Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the counterpart Swedish application. All of the references were cited in Category "A" as general background information. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.



All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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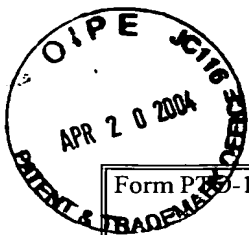
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